



April 2024

Happy Spring Fellow Marine Prop Riders,

I hope you are all doing well and looking forward to warmer weather as much as I am. Mainly because that can mean one thing, time to get the boats back in the water! As I write this, we have so many positive things happening around the club and I would like to touch on a few.

I would like to personally thank all the exceptional volunteers who represented the club so well at this year's Autorama. Congratulations to all involved in making our display extremely family friendly and interactive as we received tons of positive feedback. Whether you showed up to discuss our sport with the public, helped with activities, or displayed your boat, we as a club thank you for your commitment to our inboard hydroplane racing message. Also, a special shout out to Patti, Tina, Veronica, and Scooter for going above and beyond to make sure the kiddos were engaged and happy.

Our new website should be operational by the time of this letter. Scooter is continuously working on it by adding features and content. Please help us make it better by contributing content if you have a boat for the team's page. It looks great and can get even better the more we add to it! I would also like to point out the new success we have had with the outreach on the club's Facebook page. As a result of new engagement and an increase in posting it has managed to grow engagement numbers by the thousands and is getting more reach every day.....thank you to all involved for your hard work.

April testing is right around the corner. It is April 27th and 28th in Waynesville Ohio at Ceaser Creek Lake. Please contact Billy Noonan if interested in testing or volunteering at the event. Open to all inboard classes except Grand Prix.

In closing, from my family to yours, I hope each of our members has a blessed and peaceful Easter. As with many of our members: please keep any that has any challenges in their life, medically or otherwise in your thoughts and prayers. Also, a speedy recovery for Patti Hayes who is undergoing knee surgery this last week of March. Thank you all!

John

**Marine Prop Riders
General Meeting
January 6, 2024**

Call to Order 03/06/2024 @7:32 by Patti Hayes

Ray Dong announced that Royce Richards is in Hospice Care. He is comfortable and doing well. There was a board available for everyone to sign and leave a note.

There was also a card presented to Barry Pray that had many wonderful signatures and notes. It was determined that Barry lived and he does have a heart. All in jest, everyone wished Barry the best.

Jeff Bernard's father passed. There will be a celebration of life near Easter.

Motion to approve the minutes by Cassandra Briggs, seconded by Connie Labelle All in favor.

Treasurer Report – Mario – 4 withdrawals for stamps, trophy repair and Mott Lake Trophies for a total of \$99.43. One deposit for \$185 for memberships. Motion to approve by Barry Pray, seconded by Rick Falcinelli.

Publicity – Tina was out of town – no report.

Membership – information submitted by Nancy Spanich, read by Patti Hayes. Primary 56, Primary Family 25, Honorary 2, Lifetime 20, Family Lifetime 4. Total Members 107. New members included in total – 24

Entertainment – Ray Dong – Dave from Box 21. Next month Ray has a unique speaker from Schoolcraft College.

Old Business:

Race Reports:

Mott: They are in the fundraising phase. The Chamber of Commerce emailed about an event at Huckleberry Railroad at the park. The event is July 6 and 7, 2024. They invited the MPR to display a boat at the event. This currently is the biggest annual event at the park. Good opportunity to promote the Regatta. The Mott Team saw the MPR display at Autorama and were very pleased with the display. The park will be enhancing the program for 2024 to inform spectators how to watch the race. They are also considering sound system upgrades.

Harsens Island: Nothing to report.

Pontiac: There were several inquiries about this event at Autorama. Rik Kowall is recommending minor changes to the Business Plan for the race. A couple days after the meeting we received confirmation the DNR group at Pontiac Lake would like to meet. S Read will set up meeting with Pontiac Lake DNR, Rik Kowall from White Lake Twsp and MPR Board members.

Patti Hayes reported Decatur, Illinois will host the Eastern Divisionals in June and Hampton, Virginia will host the Nationals in September.

Region 6 Meeting: Awards were brought back this year. All winners were present. The spring meeting will have a scaled down banquet. Fall meeting November 2, 3 – 2024 and Spring meeting February 22,23 – 2025. Spring Test and Tune April 27 and 28, 2024. Billy Noonan indicated they need at least 25 boats to break even. \$250 fee. No GP boats allowed at the event. Chris Ritz will inspect at owners facilities prior to this event. Make an appointment with him.

Comments on new MPR Web Site by John Grigg III.

“The website is making progress and we are hoping to have it up and running soon. Hopefully before the old site expires. I'm creating pages to help promote race sites and the sponsors of the races. Also a separate page to help promote current racing members and their sponsors. I would appreciate anyone with a race boat that a member send me any details about a sponsor they want tagged with their boat along with a small description of their team and a picture. If they have a website or Facebook page they use to promote their team please provide me with that as well. If the race site promoters could send me the sponsor of the race along with so info that would be great. Thank you”

New Business:

Autorama – Phil Goodell thanked all people who supported the event. Special shout outs to Connie who was there all day for 3 days. Sarah promoted the event with Social Media all 3 days. Veronica set up a table where small kids could color paper Hydroplanes all 3 days. This was very popular. Allowed MPR to speak with the parents about Boat Racing while the kids were busy coloring. Patti and Tina supplied and gave out many pounds of candy to the kids. Again – thanks to all the volunteers for the event.

Cell Testing March 16 from Noon to 3:30PM. Address 3280 Fort Street, Lincoln Park, Mi. \$30 for Inboard, \$50 for off-shore. Call Kevin at 269-569-3765.

There is also Dunk Testing at University of Buffalo March 24 at 0900. Call Pete Hackett at 716-861-7506

Tim Collins reported on major items from National Meeting. All rules that passed are to be posted by approx. 3/1. He brought up about the Hot Pits. Only APBA members can be in Hot Pits. This will be published in the March/April edition of the Propeller Magazine. This is due to trying to minimize increases in insurance costs. There is a committee established to review the boat pit area. This committee is tasked to develop a "hot pit" and a "cold pit." At every race site, anyone in the pit area is required to sign a waiver to have access to that area. Developing a separate hot pit area where only those who are members of the organization are allowed to enter heightens the awareness of potentially dangerous situations and reduces the overall liability to APBA. More to follow on this.

Discussed driver Life Jackets. Drivers are responsible for their own flotation. Life Jackets no longer required in enclosed cockpits?? Please confirm all this rule change info directly from APBA.
Lee Hertz is setting up a Team Leader meeting for possible Unlimited event at Detroit in August. Sounds like this is a very positive step forward.

Motion made to adjourn by Barry Pray and seconded by Cassandra Briggs at 8:51 PM
Respectfully submitted by Steve Read

Board Meeting Sunday, March 3, 2024 Bob Evans in Roseville

Meeting called to order by President, John Grigg at 9:07am
Board members present: John Grigg, Mario Maraldo, Tina Wilson, Adam Justin, Dave Muczinski, and Patti Hayes. Not present: Phil Goodell and Nancy Spanich.

This special meeting was called to discuss the change in permissions on the Marine Prop Rider's Facebook page. Discussion regarding the transfer of permissions, the content on the page, and the growth of the page. The facebook page has been stagnant up until about 2 weeks ago. There had been no growth on the page and not many posts being made. Through the efforts of getting certain people added to be able to post, as of February 28th the page had a reach of 1.8K people, as of February 29th we had grown the page to 4.7K people, as of March 1st to 6.9k people, and as of March 2nd it had grown to 8.0k people.

On Friday from Autorama, we had realized that all posts that were being tagged with MPR was not going to the page. We had Mario add Patti back as an admin and she had to forward all posts from her personal page that anyone had tagged her and MPR in, to the MPR page. By being added as an admin, Patti was able to add the social media committee to the page so that their posts would post to the page.

A motion was made by Dave Muczinski to remove all current, non board members from the facebook page and replace with current board members in an attempt to be able to have continuity when board positions transfer to a newly elected board. Also, to add the social media committee to the permissions. This motion was seconded by Adam Justin. All in favor.

Brian Reed would be notified by email that the control of the facebook page was moving to the MPR board the following day.

Meeting adjourned at 10:12am.

Respectfully submitted.
Patti Hayes
MPR Secretary

Very happy to report that as of submitting these minutes to the Publicity Chair for inclusion in the newsletter, our facebook page reach is up to 11.1K people, our engagement is up to 3.6K people, our content published is up over 1K% from the previous 90 days, and our followers are up 16% over the last 90 days!!! While people may not come rushing into our sport, we are getting people to take notice and hopefully they will show up to some races!!!

IT'S TIME FOR TEST & TUNE 2024

APRIL 27-28TH

CRANE & RAMP WELLMAN BOAT DOCK
CAESAR CREEK STATE PARK
WAYNESVILLE, OHIO

INBOARD

OB

OPC

JR

VINTAGE

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Autorama

“What a success”



Kid's enjoying Coloring Hydroplanes.



Booth watchers: John Grigg, Sarah Grocki, Phill Goodell, Connie Labelle, Patti Hayes and Billy Noonan.



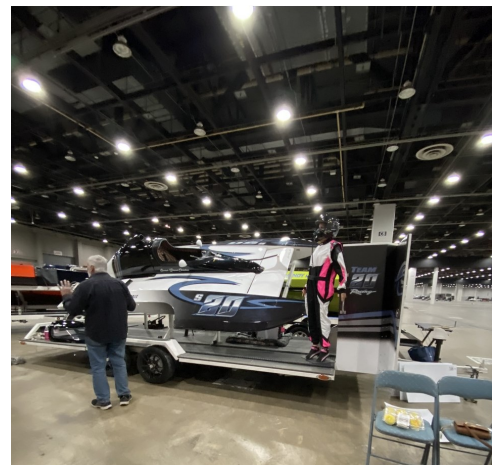
Sarah doing an interview with Tony Black



Collin Handy's 333
Won 3rd place



School Boat



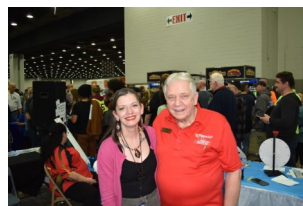
Jim Wilson prepping S20 for show.
S20 Mustang Sally took 2nd place.

The Marine Prop Riders would like to thank members that donated their time to help with our booth and those that brought their boats.

John Grigg
Scooter Grigg and Weronika
Christina Wilson
Jim Wilson
Patti Hayes
Kyle Hayes
Austin Hayes
Tony Black
Scott Anderson
Billy Noonan
Connie Labelle
Rick Falcinelli
Dave Muczinski
Phil Goodell
Steve Handy
Colin Handy
Dillion Goodell
Sarah Grocki
Adam Justin
Duane Michno

***If I have missed anyone please except my apology.**

We would also like to thank Weronika for adding an new element to our booth, coloring of hydroplanes.





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When I was in Africa the last two weeks I found future MPR members.





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**Please feel free to call one of us
If you need anything.
We would be glad to help**

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BE A PART OF THE ACTION!



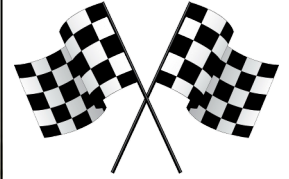
The Marine Prop Riders boat racing club welcomes you to join our club.
 Memberships are just \$20 individual and \$30 for a family.
 So many ways to get involved!

owning/racing a boat | race team crew | race day volunteering | turn judging
 racer hospitality | show publicity | event planning | safety team | so much more!



www.marineprop riders.com **APBA**

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MPR Members:

*If you have something to sell, give away or trade
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*E-Mail to:
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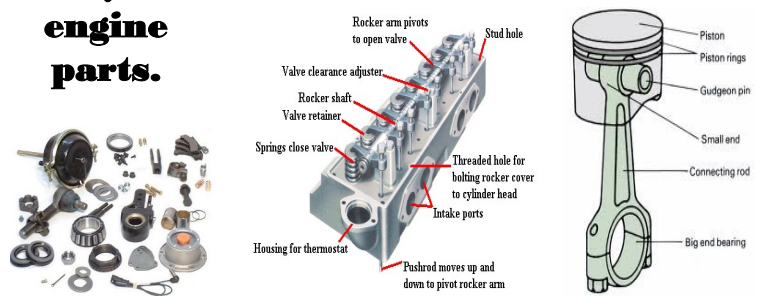
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